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### Surfing the Web at Rio Vista Park

As the summer season approaches, San Marcos sunbathers, swimmers, tennis players and picnickers will be able to enjoy another form of recreation on the banks of the San Marcos River: surfing the web in Rio Vista Park.

The City of San Marcos has installed a wireless network at Rio Vista Park that will allow visitors free access to the Internet on their laptops, smart phones and other wireless devices.

City technicians have installed the Wi-Fi system at Rio Vista Park with a broadcast range of approximately 750 feet from the pool building.

“The signal strength depends upon obstructions between you and the signal, such as buildings or trees,” said Richard Stankiewicz, Director of Technology Services. “This service will allow residents and visitors to enjoy recreational activities and have the capability to access the Internet for informational, educational and business needs.”

The City also has free Wi-Fi at City Hall, the Municipal Building, Library, Activity Center, Grant Harris Building, Police Department, Public Works Building, Hunter Road Fire Station, Central Fire Station and Electric Utility.

The City is continuing to research placing free Wi-Fi in other “hotspots” in public places around San Marcos, including other park areas.

The wireless technology also enables City workers to report from the field, accessing software, documents, or maps, operate sprinkler and light systems, and allow video streaming of special events.

